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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 6, lines 5-13, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

Many more ribavirin derivatives can be generated using conventional techniques in rational drug design and combinatorial chemistry. For example, Molecular Simulations Inc. (MSI), as well as many other suppliers, provide software that allows one of skill to build a combinatorial library of organic molecules. The C2.Analog Builder program, for example, can be integrated with MSI's suite of Cerius2 molecular diversity software to develop a library of ribavirin derivatives that can be used with the embodiments described herein. (See e.g., http://msi.com/life/products/cerius2/index.html, herein-expressly-incorporated-by-reference-in-its entirety).